



**Open Space Committee
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room
Minutes**

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 7:30pm

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wendy Richter, Nat Strosberg, Kelsey Cowen

Absent: David White, Brian Kelder, Jane Auger, Teresa DeBenedictis, Shirley Canniff, John Pickle

Minutes: We did not have a quorum, so a vote on the March 22 minutes was postponed to our next meeting on May 24.

Updates on CPA Projects:

Six projects for 2018 were approved at town meeting.

Pilot Project for Mill Brook @ Wellington Park -- Public meeting on June 6th

EcoFest 2018:

500+ people attended the event, which was focused on land use and sustainability.

Next year's EcoFest will focus on energy.

Arlington Great Meadows and sale of abutting property:

Nothing new to report since OSC letter to Selectmen regarding access concerns.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Report:

A draft of the report is ready, and a working group meeting will be held on May 4 at 11 AM. There will be a public meeting in June.

Take A Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces:

Elisabeth has offered to distribute the East Arlington Take A Walk map at a May 5th Walking in Arlington event. The group spent some time working through the new draft maps courtesy of Wendy, Elisabeth, and Adam K.

Other News, Projects and Reports

Erin Zwirko joined the Planning Department as Assistant Planning Director. Her first action item is to work with the Mill Brook Corridor Working Group per the Master Plan and the Vulnerability Preparedness Report. The committee will meet once a month. Sarah Tuttle, a nearby resident of Wellington Park has been engaging her neighbors and businesses in the area to support resiliency and access projects at the park. This is part of the Mystic River Watershed Assoc. and Town project in the Mill Brook corridor.

Possible funding opportunities: There is a new grant from the governor in conjunction with the Vulnerability Preparedness Assessment which will amount to anywhere from \$10k - \$400k. The grant requires a 25% match, which Arlington is in the process of determining the source of. Also, Mount Grace Land Trust Conservation was in touch with Ann to discuss a small amount of funding they have to distribute to area towns to support trail development, maintenance, and clean up. Ann will find out more and report at the May 24 meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Cowen

2018 Meeting Dates: May 24, June 28, July and August TBA, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 15, Dec 13